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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A mobile communications terminal device, comprising:
storage means for registering beforehand a name of an originator, one of a telephone number and a mail address of said originator, a kind of an incoming identification tone at a time of a call incoming from said originator, and a character string corresponding to a voice information designating said originator;

voice output means for ringing with the kind of the incoming identification tone corresponding to said originator at the time of the call incoming; and

control means for controlling said voice output means to output the voice information corresponding to the character string registered beforehand in said storage means in response to an instruction received from a user while said voice output means is ringing.

Claim 2. (Currently amended) The mobile communications terminal device according to claim 1, wherein said control means controls said voice output means to output said voice information after stopping said ringing in response to the ~~external~~ instruction.

Claim 3. (Currently amended) The mobile communications terminal device according to claim 1, wherein said control means controls said voice output means to output said voice information after reducing an output volume of ringing in response to the ~~external~~ instruction.

Claim 4. (Previously presented) The mobile communications terminal device according to

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claim 1, wherein said voice output means outputs the voice information corresponding to one of the telephone number and the mail address of said originator as said incoming identification tone at the time of said call incoming.

Claim 5. (Previously presented) The mobile communications terminal device according to claim 1, wherein said voice output means outputs the primary information regarding one of the discriminating ringing and the originator as the voice information instead of said incoming identification tone.

Claim 6. (Currently amended) A method for identifying an incoming call in a mobile communications terminal device, said method comprising:

ringing with a kind of an incoming identification tone corresponding to an originator at the time of a call incoming; and

outputting a voice information corresponding to a character string registered beforehand in a storage means for registering beforehand a name of the originator, one of a telephone number and a mail address of said originator, said kind of the incoming identification tone being output at the time of the call incoming from said originator, and said character string corresponding to the voice information designating said originator, in response to an instruction received from a user during the ringing of said incoming identification tone.

Claim 7. (Currently amended) The method for identifying the incoming call in the mobile

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communications terminal device according to claim 6, wherein said outputting the voice information corresponding to said character string comprises outputting said voice information after stopping said ringing of said incoming identification tone in response to the external instruction.

Claim 8. (Currently amended) The method for identifying the incoming call in the mobile communications terminal device according to claim 6, wherein said outputting the voice information corresponding to said character string comprises outputting said voice information after reducing an output volume of ringing of said incoming identification tone in response to the external instruction.

Claim 9. (Currently amended) A method for identifying an incoming call in a mobile communications terminal device, said method comprising:

outputting a voice information at the time of a call incoming in response to receiving an instruction from a user while receiving the call incoming, said voice information corresponding to a character string registered beforehand in a storage means for registering beforehand a name of an originator, one of a telephone number and a mail address of said originator, a kind of an incoming identification tone at the time of the call incoming from said originator, and said character string corresponding to the voice information designating said originator.

Claim 10. (Currently amended) A method for identifying an incoming call in a mobile

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communications terminal device, said method comprising:

outputting a voice information corresponding to one of a telephone number and a mail address of an originator in response to receiving an instruction from a user while receiving the incoming call, a kind of an incoming identification tone at the time of the call incoming from said originator, and a character string corresponding to the voice information designating said originator.

Claim 11. (Previously presented) The device of claim 1, wherein said instruction comprises an input from a switch mounted on an exterior of said mobile communication terminal device.

Claim 12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said outputting of said voice information is in response to an external instruction during said ringing.

Claim 13. (Currently amended) A communications terminal comprising:
a memory storing a character string for a calling party, said character string to be retrieved from said memory upon a receipt of a call from said calling party for outputting voice information and upon receipt of an instruction from a user during an incoming call.

Claim 14. (Currently amended) The terminal of claim 13, further comprising:
a speaker; and
a controller that controls said speaker to output said voice information in response to a

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call from said calling party based upon said character string that was stored before said call from said party and upon receipt of said instruction.

Claim 15. (Previously presented) The terminal of claim 13, further comprising a converter that converts said character string into an analog voice waveform.

Claim 16. (Currently amended) The terminal of claim 13, further comprising a switch to receive said instruction, and to control a retrieval of said character string and a conversion of said character string into an analog waveform.

Claim 17. (Previously presented) The terminal of claim 13, further comprising a speaker in communication with said memory.

Claim 18. (Previously presented) The terminal of claim 14, wherein said controller determines whether said call is from said party based upon caller identification data.

Claim 19. (Previously presented) The terminal of claim 13, wherein said memory further stores a tone for said party.

Claim 20. (Previously presented) The terminal of claim 14, wherein said controller controls said speaker to output said tone in response to a call from said party.

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Claim 21. (Previously presented) The terminal of claim 13, wherein said character string comprises a digitized voice signal.

Claim 22. (Previously presented) The terminal of claim 13, wherein said memory comprises a telephone directory that stores said character string.

Claim 23. (Previously presented) The terminal of claim 13, wherein said communications terminal comprises a mobile communications terminal.

Claim 24. (Currently amended) A method for identifying a caller in a mobile terminal, comprising:

determining whether a memory includes a character string that corresponds to a caller;

and

outputting a voice signal that corresponds to said character string if said character string corresponds to said caller and in response to an instruction from a user during an incoming call from the caller.

Claim 25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24, further comprising receiving caller identification data and wherein said determining comprises determining whether said character string corresponds to said caller based upon said caller identification data.

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Claim 26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24, further comprising storing said character string in a telephone directory before said determining.

Claim 27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26, further comprising:
storing a tone in said telephone directory;
determining whether said tone corresponds to said caller; and
outputting said tone if said tone corresponds to said caller before outputting said voice signal.

Claim 28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24, further comprising initially running an identification tone in response to a call from said caller.

Claim 29. (Canceled).

Claim 30. (Currently amended) The method of claim 24, wherein the instruction comprises a prompt by a user for a user-selectively prompts the output of the voice signal while an identification tone, corresponding to said caller, is ringing.